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In Reply Refer To: 3HW12

Mr. Raymond C. Weidenhammer, General Manager
A.J. Oster Company
550 Grant Way
Fogelsville, PA 18051

Re: Novak Sanitary Landfill Site
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Weidenhammer:

This letter is written as a response to your letter of October 19, 1987 to Mr. Michael Towle of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding A.J. Oster Company's use of the Novak Sanitary Landfill. In your letter you indicated that your company does not dispose any hazardous substances and you had never heard of the Novak Sanitary Landfill. Your response did not provide EPA with proper information regarding the operations and waste streams of your company and your company's use of the Novak Landfill.

As you know, the EPA is seeking information concerning the release, or the threat of a release, of hazardous substances into the environment from the Novak Sanitary Landfill Site. Pursuant to the authority of Section 3007(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 6927(a), and Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("SARA"), public law 99-499, 100 Stat. 1613, your company is again requested to furnish all information and documents in its possession, custody or control, or in the possession, custody or control of any of its officers, employees or agents which concern, refer or relate to hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(14) which were transported to, or stored, or disposed of at the Novak Sanitary Landfill Site in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

EPA currently has information indicating that the owner of the Novak Sanitary Landfill also operated a waste hauling business under the

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name of Valley Disposal, Inc. or Valley Recycling. Records maintained at the landfill office indicate that wastes hauled by these companies were disposed at the Novak Sanitary Landfill. Your company's name is listed as a customer of Valley Disposal or Valley Recycling and the waste hauled from your company was dumped at the Novak Landfill according to driver records.

EPA has determined that your response to its previous information request letter was inadequate or incomplete. EPA now requests that you further respond to this information request within fifteen (15) days of your receipt of this letter and supply all information and documentation concerning:

1. the nature of your business and a detailed description of all its manufacturing, recycling, maintenance or other processes operating now or between 1960 and the present;
2. the identification and description of any substance used or generated by any process identified in response to question number 1 which may be hazardous and those which are not hazardous;
3. the method of waste disposal used for hazardous substances identified in response to question number 2;
4. the time period of operation of your company;
5. the time period your company utilized Valley Disposal, Valley Recycling or Novak Landfill;
6. a description of operations at your facility located at 75 Snowdrift Road North, Fogelsville, PA.;
7. the nature of the waste sent to Novak Landfill; and,
8. the volume of waste sent to Novak Landfill (the enclosed driver records indicate that 30 cubic yard containers from "Oster Metals" were dumped at "Novaks").

If documentation supporting any statements supplied by the respondent to this letter can not be supplied to EPA, then EPA requests that the source of information; including employee interview, employee recollection, employee name, employee position, etc.; be identified in your response to this letter.

You are entitled to assert a claim of business confidentiality covering any part of the submitted information, in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. Section 2.203(b). Information subject to a claim of business confidentiality will be made available to the public only in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. Unless a business confidentiality claim is asserted at the time the requested information is submitted, EPA may make this information available to the public without further notice to you.

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Please send the required information to:

Michael Towle, Remedial Enforcement Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
PA. CERCLA Remedial Enforcement Section (3HW12)
841 Chestnut Street, 6th Floor
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact
Michael Towle at (215) 597-3166.

Sincerely,

Gregg Crystall, Chief
PA CERCLA Remedial Enforcement Section

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A.J. Oster.

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<p>3. Article Addressed to:</p> <p>Mr. Raymond A. Weidenhammer General Manager #3 Oster Company 550 Grant Way Fogelsville, PA 18051</p>		<p>5. Signature of Agent M. B. Miller</p>	
<p>6. Signature of Addressee M. B. Miller</p>		<p>7. Date of Delivery</p>	
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